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SUBJ: SHAIKH YAYHA ALAMEH NOURI ARRESTED FOR INCITING RIOT

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SUMMARY: SHAIKH NOURI'S ARREST WAS ANNOUNCED SEPT. 12 BY
MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES ON CHARGES OF INCITING TO RIOT. GOI
CLAIMS EVIDENCE FOUND SHOWS HE WAS INCITING RIOTS AND PLANNING
ARSON, MOST IMPRESSIVE REVELATION WAS SIZE OF FAMILY BANK
ACCOUNTS FOUND IN NOURI HOME, TOTALING NEARLY A MILLION
DOLLARS. NOURI IS A SENIOR FIGURE WHO HAS SUPPORTED KHOMEINI AND
IS A LEADING ANTI-SEMITES AMONG MULLAHS. END SUMMARY.

1. RADIO EVENING SEPT 12 AND PRESS MORNING SEPT 13 CARRIED
MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION (MLA) STATEMENT ANNOUNCING
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ARREST OF SENIOR AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI SUPPORTER SHAIKH
YAYHA ALLAMEH NOURI ON CHARGES OF INCITING RIOTS AND
INSTIGATING ARSON, (COMMENT: NOURI'S NAME IS SOME-
TIMES GIVEN AS SHAIKH YAHYA NASSIR OR NASSIRI, KNOWN AS
NOURI, WHO "SOMETIMES ADDS TITLE ALLAMA TO HIS NAME."
NOURI IS WELL-KNOWN RELIGIOUS FIGURE WHO HAS USED TITLE
"AYATOLLAH"

IN SOME OF HIS PREVIOUS PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS,
INCLUDING MAJOR ANTI-SEMITIC WORKS DESCRIBED REFTELS.)

2. STATEMENT SAYS MLA HAS EVIDENCE INCLUDING DOCUMENTS,
TAPES, AND TELEPHONE CALLS WHICH SHOW NOURI INCITED
PEOPLE TO REVOLT AGAINST GOI AND URGED PEOPLE TO BURN
BANKS, MOVIE HOUSES, SHOPS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. HE
ALLEGEDLY ORDERED SUPPLIES OF GAS AND SAWDUST TO BE
DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS, AND MLA SAYS IT HAS NAMES
OF THOSE WHO SUPPLIED THESE MATERIALS AND HAVE ADMITTED
TO FILLING HIS ORDER.

3. MOST INTERESTING REVELATION WAS MLA'S LISTING OF
NOURI'S ASSETS AT TIME OF ARREST: 6,645,275 RIALS
(NEARLY DOLS 95 THOUSAND) CASH IN HIS HOME; 234,290
RIALS (JUST OVER DOLS 3,300) IN HIS POCKETS; AND UNCASHED
CHECKS IN HIS POCKETS FOR 2,068,700 RIALS (JUST UNDER
DOLS 30 THOUSAND) WHICH HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO DEPOSIT.
FIVE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BOOKS WERE FOUND IN HIS HOME IN
HIS OWN AND HIS CHILDRENS' NAMES WHICH SHOWED DEPOSITS
OF NEARLY DOLS 852,000. MLA ASKED MEDIAN TO ANALYZE
WHERE THESE FUNDS CAME FROM AND BY WHAT MEANS.

4. COMMENT: NOURI HAS BEEN A MAJOR KHOMEINI SUPPORTER
AND IS BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZERS
AND LEADERS OF RIOTS SEPT. 8 AND 9. HIS ARREST MAY
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ANTAGONIZE MANY RELIGIOUS DISSIDENTS, BUT THIS WILL
PROBABLY BE TEMPERED BY SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC INTEREST IN
WHERE HIS MONEY CAME FROM. HIS ARREST WILL ALSO BE
SIGNAL TO ALL THAT MLA IS GOING AFTER THOSE WHO FOMENTED
TROUBLE. WE UNDERSTAND OTHER RELIGIOUS FIGURES HAVE
BEEN PICKED UP ON SIMILAR CHARGES, SUCCESSFUL ROUNDUP
OF OTHER KEY KHOMEINI ORGANIZATIONAL FIGURES SUCH AS
NOURI COULD CONSIDERABLY ASSIST GOI EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH
CALMER ATMOSPHERE WHICH IS SEEN AS PRECONDITION FOR
EASING MARTIAL LAW STRICTURES.
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